(c) and (d) The current Census exercise may not reveal the number of migrants from other countries including Bangladesh, since no question on nationality is being canvassed.

National Textile Policy

†*147. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the National Textile Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether interests of textile mill workers would be protected under this policy;

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(d) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHI RAM RANA): (a) to (d) The formulation of the new Textile Policy is under active consideration and would be finalised soon keeping in mind interests of workers also.

Small Hydro Power Projects

*148. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many small hydro project have been completed alongwith their generation capacity, out of the total 4011 identified projects with a capacity of 8371.56 MW;

(b) the projects under implementation and their likely generating capacity;

(c) Government's views regarding progress in this field; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to enhance private sector participation in the field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) 353 small hydro projects (SHP) with an

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

aggregate capacity of 1157.42 MW (up to 25 MW station capacity) have so far been installed and 155 such projects with an aggregate capacity of 399.68 MW are under implementation.

(c) and (d) There has been a substantial increase in the installed capacity of small hydro power projects (up to 3 MW station capacity) during the last 10 years. Their capacity has recorded a three fold increase from 63 MW to 217 MW.

In order to give further thrust and focussed attention to this important area, the subject of small hydro between 3 MW to 25 MW has been transferred from Ministry of Power to Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources. Four promotional incentive schemes have been announced in order to promote development of small hydro projects in the extended range.

The thrust of the Ministry's programmes is to develop SHP with private sector participation. For this, an interest subsidy scheme is being operated to provide concessional loans to private sector investors through financial institutions like IREDA, REC, PFC etc. Assistance is also given to private entrepreneurs for Survey & Investigation and Detailed Project preparation.

Compensation to Farmers in Punjab Border

*149. SARDAR GURCHANRAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have approved certain proposals to compensate the farmers of the border districts of Punjab whose fields had been acquired for fencing purposes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The work of erection of fencing and flood lighting on Indo-Pak border in Punjab sector was taken up under the Punjab Action Plan. Government had utilised 44 feet wide strip of land for this purpose. The fencing and flood lighting works covered a length of 451 Kms. and 465 Kms. respectively. During 1990-91, the Government of India released a sum of Rs. 7.00 crores to the